IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE APPLICANT: TSUTOMU ISHIKAWA, ET AL. Group Art Unit: 2816 **SERIAL NO.:** 09/552,085

> Examiner: Nguyen, L. February 24, 2000 SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED

CIRCUIT HAVING PADS WITH LESS INPUT SIGNAL ATTENUATION

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT WITH AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

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FOR:

This is a response to an Office Action dated May 18, 2001, wherein the Examiner Ha subjected claims 1-18 to a Restriction Requirement. Consideration of this Responsementry of the amendment, and prosecution on the merits is requested.

AMENDMENT

Please cancel claims 1-9 without prejudice.

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